

Meeting between with Mongolian delegates at Inter-parliamentary Conference
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1. At the banquet given by the Canadian Prime Minister on 15 Sept. 1965, attended by 500 persons, (40 being delegates, the rest members of the press, Source was acquainted with the 4 representatives of the Mongolian People's Republic. This delegation was composed of a head, who spoke Russian and Mongolian and did most of the talking with Source; an older man who spoke Mongolian and Russian weekly, and 2 members of the Mongolian Gen. Staff, who are officials of the Ministry of External Foreign Affairs, and speak English quite well. At the banquet there was nothing of interest. The head of the delegation learning that Source is Ukrainian asked him why he can't go back to Ukraine, as his place as a patriot is there. Source tried to explain to him his situation, but his arguments were to no avail.
2. On 14 Sept. 1965 at the second banquet, Source had an opportunity to discuss a wider range of topics with the delegation.
3. Source was asked his regret that Ukraine is not represented at the conference as a separate nation as in Mongolia. The head of the delegation replied Ukraine is a "separate entity, economically powerful and a member of U.N." This answer did not satisfy Source, and he made other comparisons of Ukraine to Mongolia. This led to a comparison between Mongolia and Ukraine by the delegation. The head became quite belligerent and said emphatically "for 60 years Mongolia has been under foreign domination, and finally has come into its own". Then Source was asked about various aspects of Ukrainian life in Canada- schools, and organizations of a political nature (which one did he belong to?) Most questions were put by the head of the delegation, who also asked "From our conversation I gather that you are a nationalist?" Source replied that this depended on his definition of the term nationalist. Head of

delegation: "The kind that Bandera uses". Source, "The kind of nation list that you yourself are, you want a sovereign Mongolia, I want a sovereign Ukraine, a Ukraine with Ukrainian terror and exploitation." Source went on to explain that he differed with Bandera on certain economic and political concepts, and that when Bandera was in jail he and others like him fought the German Invaders. When asked who led the underground during Bandera's absence, Source named Mykola Lebed. When questioned where Lebed is presently, Source said that he lived in New York. Delegation was highly impressed by Ukrainian achievements in Canada and seemed to be sincere in their appreciation, being very happy about meeting someone with whom they could converse, and who was interested in Mongolian affairs.